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**LOUISVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION  
OF COCAINE BASE FOR DISTRIBUTION AND GUN CHARGES**

***- Defendant previously convicted of reckless homicide and also possessed  
had a semiautomatic pistol***

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment against **Robert Lee Wise**, age 26, of 3548 Shadyside Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, on charges of possession of a substance containing cocaine base with the intent to distribute it and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

The Indictment alleges that on October 3, 2006, Wise possessed over five grams of a substance that contained cocaine base, commonly known as "crack" cocaine and intended to distribute it. The indictment also alleges that Wise possessed a Phoenix Arms model HP22A .22 caliber semiautomatic pistol, serial number 4215038, after he had been convicted of Reckless Homicide in Jefferson Circuit, Kentucky, Circuit Court in 2004.

The estimated street value of the crack cocaine involved in the case is \$1750.00.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are 50 years imprisonment, a \$2,250,000 fine, and supervised release for life; and the minimum potential penalties are 5 years imprisonment and supervised release for a period of 4 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke. The

Louisville Field Office of ATF conducted the investigation in partnership with the Louisville Metro Police Department, as part of ATF's mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

Wise is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on September 16, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in Louisville, Kentucky.

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**The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.**

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